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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN CITIZEN REPORTEDLY ARRESTED FOR PROPAGATING  
SUBVERSIVE MATERIAL

1. MONICA LOVINESCU, WELL-KNOWN ROMANIAN EMIGRE RESIDENT IN PARIS, TELEPHONED ACTING DIRECTOR OF RFE'S ROMANIAN BROADCASTING DEPARTMENT JANUARY 7 TO REPORT THAT FOUR ROMANIAN EMIGRE SOURCES HAD INFORMED HER THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1974 CAMIL DEMETRESCU, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF ROMANIAN MFA AND MEMBER OF GROUP WHICH PREPARED AUGUST 23, 1944 COUP D'ETAT, WAS CONVICTED BY MILITARY COURT IN BUCHAREST OF PROPAGATING SUBVERSIVE MATERIAL AND SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

2. LOVINESCU'S SOURCES DESCRIBED EVENTS LEADING TO DEMETRESCU'S ALLEGED ARREST AND CONVICTION AS FOLLOWS:

DEMETRESCU "ANNOTATED" A COPY OF HARALAMB ZINCA'S BOOK ON THE 1944 COUP (ENTITLED "IT WAS THE 'H' HOUR") BY UNDERLINING PASSAGES CONTAINING "ERRORS AND LIES;" POLICE FOUND THE COPY IN 1974 AND INTERROGATED AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED DEMETRESCU; POLICE RE-ARRESTED HIM LAST SEPTEMBER AND TRIED AND SENTENCED HIM.

3. LOVINESCU CLAIMED HER SOURCES ARE: (A) MARIE-FRANCE IONESCU (EUGENE IONESCU'S DAUGHTER, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM BUCHAREST); (B) V. VULCANESCU; (C) RADU PLESIA; AND  
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(D) EMIL CIUREA. ALL FOUR PERSONS NOW LIVE IN FRANCE.  
LATTER TWO ARE FORMER ROMANIAN DIPLOMATS WHO WERE ACTIVE

IN GROUP PLOTTING AUGUST 23, 1944 COUP.

4. RFE HAS NO RPT NO EVIDENCE AT PRESENT TO SUBSTANTIATE  
ABOVE REPORT AND IS, THEREFORE, CARRYING NO RPT NO STORIES  
ON IT.

5. CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM, REFUTE OR COMMENT ON THIS REPORT?  
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